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SUBJECT: ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE , TORREMOLINOS, SITREP 22

REF: TORREMOLINOS 54 (PARAGRAPH 2)

1. PURSUANT POSITIVE INDICATIONS VOTE REPORTED REFTTEL,
USDEL HAS BEEN CONSULTING WITH UK, FRANCE, CANADA
AND OTHERS ON LANGUAGE AND TACTICS TO BE EMPLOYED IN
PLENARY TO REVISE COMMITTEE 8'S RECOMMENDATION ON
ARTICLE 1 TO INSURE CONTINUATION OF U.S. (AND UK AND
FRANCE) TERRITORIES AS MEMBERS OF UNION.

2. MILI INFORMED USDEL, FRANCE, UK AND CANADA THAA
AFRICANS DID NOT WISH TO DIVEST US OF MEMBERSHIP BUT
WERE AFTER PORTUGUESE PROVINCES AND PERHAPS THOSE OF
SPAIN. MILI SUGGESTED WE DRAFT AND CO-SPONSOR
COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE TO AFRICANS.

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3. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, ARTICLE 1 NOW BEGINS
"MEMBERS LISTED . . ." DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY US, UK,
FRANCE AND CANADA IN RESPONSE TO MILI'S SUGGESTION
REPLACED "MEMBERS LISTED" WITH "THE COUNTRIES AND
OTHER MEMBERS LISTED".

4. CONSISTENT WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING,
MILI DISCUSSED PROPOSAL AT AFRICAN CAUCUS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT (OCT. PL BEFORE PLENARY ON
THURSDAY (NOT DISCUSSED THERE AS COMMITTEE 8 CHAIRMAN
REQUESTED ITS DELETION FROM AGENDA). CONTRARY TO
MILI'S EARLIER ESTIMATE, AFRICANS RESISTED IDEA.
HOWEVER, IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS IT APPEARS MOST
AFRICANS DESIRE STRIKING OUT THE PORTUGUESE PROVINCES
IN ANNEX 1 AND LEAVING STATUS QUO FOR U.S. AND OTHER
TERRITORIES, ZAIRE MAKING LATTER STEP ADMANTLY CONDIDTIONAL
ON FIRST. USDEL, CANADIANS AND FRENCH ARE
APPROACHING ZAIRE SEPARATELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER
WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MODIFICATION OF THEIR VIEWS.

5. THE NEXT PLENARY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 18 WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME TO
RESOLVE MATTER SATISFACTORILY. IN CASE WE CAN'T,
DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER HAVING EMBASSY INTERVENE
WITH ZAIRE GOVERNMENT.
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